

REMARKS

Claims 25 and 26 are now pending in the application. Claims 23, 24, and 27-30 are now cancelled. Claim 26 is now amended. The claim amendment is fully supported by the application as filed and does not present new matter. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Claims 29 and 30 stand withdrawn as allegedly drawn to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed.

Applicants submit that consideration of Claims 29 and 30 will not place an undue burden on the Examiner. However, Applicants now cancel Claims 29 and 30 in order to expedite prosecution of this application.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 23, 24, and 26-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 23, 24, 27, and 28 are now cancelled. Therefore this Section 112 rejection with respect to these claims is now moot.

Claim 26 is now amended to provide proper antecedent basis for the term "surfactant." Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this Section 112 rejection of Claim 26.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 23, 24, 27, and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyashita et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 2001/0001050) in view of Cao (U.S. Pat. No. 5,965,281). Claims 23, 24, 27, and 28 are now cancelled. Therefore this Section 103 rejection is now moot.

ALLOWED CLAIMS

Claims 25 and 26 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for recognizing the patentable subject matter of these claims.

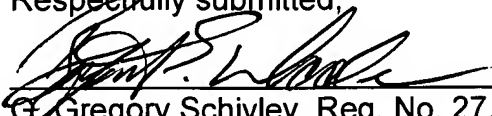
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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